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Jane,

Per your request to Mark on August 13, attached is the desk statement OPP prepared in response to EFSA's recent statement on chlorpyrifos.

**Background:**

The European Commission will begin a process in September to ban the insecticide chlorpyrifos commonly used by vegetable and citrus farmers in Europe and sold by the U.S. multinational Corteva Inc. An Aug. 2 finding by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) identifying human health concerns associated with exposure to chlorpyrifos will be used to deny the renewal license for the insecticide by Jan. 31, 2020, according to a European Commission spokesperson. An EFSA spokesperson told journalists this was the first time the body had ever published preliminary statements by experts, before an ongoing peer-review has been finalized. This unprecedented move was triggered by a request from the EU Commission in early July.

Corteva, previously a unit of DowDuPont, has announced it disagrees with EFSA's conclusions and referenced different conclusions by EPA, WHO and the Australian authorities. EPA had announced in July 2019 that it would not ban the pesticide for agriculture use. It has been banned for household use in the U.S. already. Given the high level of attention in the U.S. to this matter, OPP prepared the attached desk statement in response to EFSA's recent statement on chlorpyrifos.

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